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Killeen Police and Fire Departments responded to a report of a structure fire in the 1300 block of Gowen Dr. on Saturday, September 22, 2012 just before 4:00pm.

The departments arrived to find the offices to the Gateway Middle School engulfed in flames. The fire fighters immediately began fighting the blaze and continued to do so for approximately the next two hours. The offices were completely destroyed by the fire and other buildings sustained some fire damage as well as smoke and water damage.

Due to the fact that this occurred on a Saturday, school was not in session at the time of the fire. There were no injuries reported in this fire.

Officials with the Killeen Independent School District responded to the scene and are also assessing the situation.

UPDATE: September 24, 2012

The Killeen Fire Department has determined this fire to be the result of Arson. Investigators would like to speak with a person of interest who was last seen climbing a fence behind the school at the time of the fire. This person is a Hispanic male who is possibly in his late 20's or early 30's. Witnesses described him as approximately 6'0" tall and weighing over 200 pounds. He was seen wearing a yellow shirt with dark colored pants. The Fire Investigators are asking anyone who may know this person or has information about this fire to contact Crime Stoppers at 526-TIPS (8477) or go online at www.killeencrimestoppers.com or text KILLEEN along with the tip to 274637. Text STOP to 274637 to stop or text HELP to 274637 for help. Msg & Data rates may apply.

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